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Re: **Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") Request on EPA led raid on Alaskan miners in Chicken, Alaska.**

Dear Honorable Sir or Ma'am:

This is Alaska State Senator John Coghill. I respectfully request, via the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA")¹, the following records:

1. The daily calendar(s) for Administrator McCarthy from her August 2013 trip to Alaska.
 - a. The calendar would begin from her first day of flight to Alaska to the last day of flight from Alaska.
2. Any and all records used to prepare Administrator McCarthy for her trip to Alaska. The relevant documents may be within 30 before her date of arrival and be within 90 days from her date of departure.
 - a. The records should also include records distributed on "alias" or secondary e-mail accounts such as the "Richard Sheldon" alias account used by former EPA Administrator, Lisa Jackson.
3. Any and all records of gift disclosures by Administrator McCarthy during her visit to Alaska.
4. Any and all records from Administrator McCarthy with the word "Alaska" in them from the date of her confirmation by the U.S. Senate to the date of this FOIA.

¹ 5 U.S.C. 552 et seq.

5. Any and all records sent to Administrator McCarthy related to enforcement of the Clean Water Act in Alaska, including, but not limited to, the EPA led raid on Alaskan miners in Chicken, Alaska.
6. Any and all records from the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, from the first day of the Obama Administration to the date of this FOIA, including, but not limited to, records created by Assistant Administrator Cynthia Giles, regarding enforcement and compliance with the Clean Water Act in Alaska.
7. Any and all records from the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance from the first day of the Obama Administration to the date of this FOIA that contain the word "Alaska" in them.
8. Any and all records from the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance; and as a separate request from Region 10 of the EPA, from the first day of the Obama Administration to the date of this FOIA that contain the word "Chicken" and relate to compliance with the Clean Water Act or RS 2477s.
9. Any and all records from the EPA to a member of Congress related to mining in Alaska or Clean Water Act enforcement in Alaska from January 1, 2013 to the date of the FOIA.
10. Any and all records regarding the payment of travel or other costs for individual EPA employees to participate in the raid on miners in Chicken, Alaska, including the costs of charter aircraft to conduct aerial surveillance.
11. Any and all records from the EPA to the Army Corps of Engineers from the first day of the Obama Administration to the date of this FOIA that relate to placer mining in Alaska and contain the word "placer."
12. Any and all records in the custody of the EPA that specifically identify targets to Clean Water Act enforcement in Alaska by the EPA or the Corps from the first day of the Obama Administration to the date of this FOIA.

The form of the records should include, but not be limited to documents of any kind, including:

papers, books, accounts, letters, photographs, objects, tangible things, correspondence, telegrams, cable text messages, memorandum, notes, desk calendars, diaries, notations, work papers, intra and inter-office communications, intra and inter-departmental communications, communications to, between and among officers, agents, partners, secretaries, or any other employees, transcripts, minutes, reports, and/or recording of telephone or other conversations, or interviews, or of committee meetings or of other meetings, affidavits, statements, summaries, opinions, reports, preliminary reports, studies, analogies, evaluations, insurance policies, contracts, licenses, agreements, balance sheets, income statements, questionnaires, answers to questionnaires, statistical records, appointment books, telephone logs, lists, tabulations, charts, graphs, maps, surveys, sound recordings, data sheets, computer tapes, discs, magnetic tapes, punch cards, computer printouts, data processing input and output, computer programs, computer program coding sheets, microfilms, e-communications, e-mail, text, all records kept by electronic photographic or mechanical means, and things similar to any of the foregoing, regardless of their author or origin, however denominated by it.

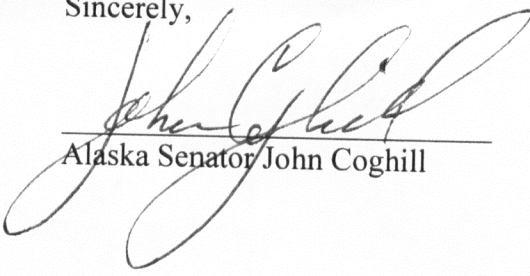
If the FOIA request is denied in whole or part, I expect the EPA to justify its decision, identify the withheld records, identify any privileges or immunities, and reference the specific exemptions claimed in the Act.

Fees associated with this FOIA request should be properly waived. The public interest is served by this anticipated records disclosure (because it is likely to contribute significantly to the public's understanding of EPA operations and activity). There is no primary commercial interest with this FOIA request.

The records are requested within twenty working days. If the records cannot be produced within twenty working days, I request that the EPA contact Chad Hutchison (chad.hutchison@akleg.gov) for an explanation of progress. Mr. Hutchison can also be contacted via phone: (907) 465-6858 or (907) 451-2157.

Your efforts on this matter are appreciated.

Sincerely,



Alaska Senator John Coghill

cc: Senator Lisa Murkowski
Senator Mark Begich
Congressman Don Young
Governor Sean Parnell
Attorney General Michael Geraghty